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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: RH, PINT
SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF RHODESIAN FRONT EXECUTIVE
MEETING CONFUSED.

REF: PRETORIA 1226

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, RHODESIAN FRONT (RF) HELD
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING MARCH 16 TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS
SURROUNDING TWELVE REBEL MP'S (PRETORIA 1097). ACCORDING
TO PRELIMINARY PRESS ACCOUNTS, PARTY CHAIRMAN, DES FROST,
STATED AFTER MEETING THAT EXECUTIVE HAD CLEARED THE AIR
ON "FEW PROBLEMS" AND THERE HAD BEEN "GOOD, STRAIGHT
TALKING." HE ADDED THAT EXECUTIVE HAD DECIDED TO HOLD
SPECIAL CONGRESS ON APRIL 18 TO DISCUSS MATTER OF
TWELVE REBEL MP'S AND TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCES " THAT
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SEEM TO EXIST IN MATTERS OF PARTY PRINCIPLE." FROST
REPORTEDLY WOULD SAY NO MORE ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF
EXECUTIVE MEETING, STATING THAT EXECUTIVE HAD DECIDED
TO MAKE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

2. SUBSEQUENT PRESS ACCOUNT QUOTED MARK PARTIRIDGE,
MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AS STATING THAT EXECUTIVE PASSED

A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN SMITH. IN SAME ARTICLE,
SPOKESMAN FOR DISSIDENT TWELVE BERATES PARTRIDGE FOR
SPEAKING PUBLICLY ABOUT MEETING AND ADDS THAT HIS
STATEMENT IS " IRRESPONSIBLE AND MISINFORMED." ANOTHER
PRESS REPORT STATES THAT SMITH MET WITH TWELVE
REBEL MP'S ON MARCH 18 IN ATTEMPT TO PATCH UP RIFT,
WHICH IT CLAIMS IS SERIOUS AS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ONLY
PASSED BECAUSE MAJOR PROTION OF EXECUTIVE ABSTAINED.
SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ACCOUNT ON MARCH 21 SAYS THAT FOUR
OF DISSIDENT MP'S " SLIPPED QUIETLY INTO JOHANNESBURG"
OVER WEEKEND TO LOBBY FOR SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION.
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